PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 Apr 52	2. LOCATION Milton, Mass		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1430 GMT 1930	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION VISUAL THRU B.C. SCOPE ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE 2 electronic engineers		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1.5 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Dark red color. Flat square shape. Climb to level flight to climb.		11. COMMENTS Objects traveled in "wobbly" flight. "B.C" scope is fairly high powered.	

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET



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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft [illegible], [illegible], Massachusetts, 24 April 1952 [illegible]

TO: Documents Dissemination Branch, Collection Division
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

DATE

FROM: Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

COMMENT NO. 1

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1. Forwarded herewith for your information is a Spot Intelligence Report prepared by 1st District, Office of Special Investigations, [illegible] Air Force Base, Massachusetts, concerning the above subject.

2. Your Directorate will be kept advised of further developments in this matter.

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Spot Intell Rpt 1st Dist 13 May 52

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft (Great Blue Hill, Milton, Massachusetts, 24 April 1952)

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10

SYNOPSIS:

On 28 April 1952, [redacted], and [redacted] USAF civilian employees assigned to Radar Systems Laboratory, Electronics Research Division, AF Cambridge Research Center, 230 Albany Street, Cambridge, Mass., reported to Captain JAMES R. LOCKE, Air Provost Marshal, ~~that installation~~, that they had observed two unidentified airborne objects between 1430 and 1445 hours, 24 April 1952. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

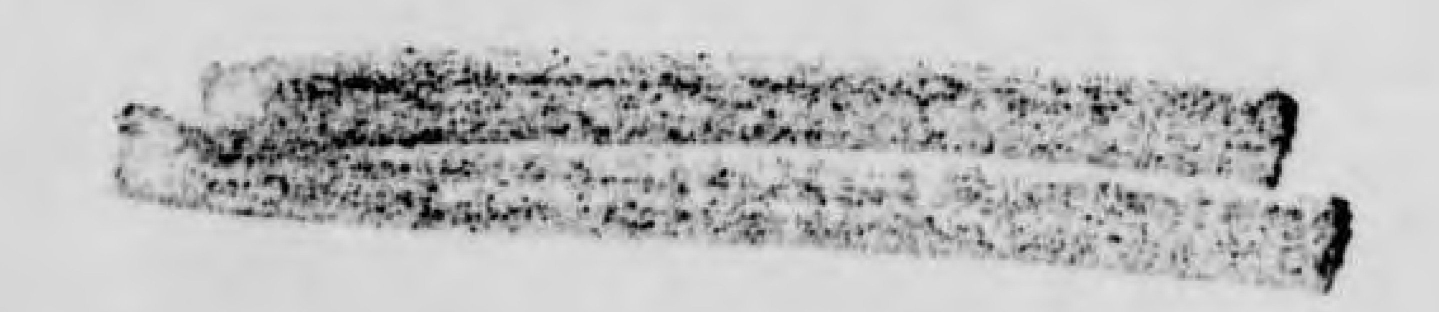
DETAILS:

On 28 April 1952, [redacted], and [redacted] USAF civilian employees assigned to the Radar Systems Laboratory, Electronics Research Division, AF Cambridge Research Center, 230 Albany Street, Cambridge, Mass., reported to Captain JAMES R. LOCKE, Air Provost Marshal, that installation, that they had observed two unidentified airborne objects between 1430 and 1445 hours, 24 April 1952.

a. On 29 April 1952, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent JAMES C. HINCKS, and furnished the following information:

(1) Description of Objects: Two (2) flat, flexible, square-like objects with greatest dimension approximately ten (10) feet, and of undetermined thickness, dark orange or red in color, having no aerodynamic features, producing no sound, leaving no trail or exhaust, [illegible]ed with a

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wobbly, undulating motion for about four (4) to six (6) miles in about one and one-half (1½) minutes. The course was at first a rapid ascent from approximately a 1500 to a 2000 foot elevation, then an unsteady horizontal plane for about four (4) to six (6) miles, and then another ascent at an undetermined angle. [redacted] did not see the objects disappear and did not notice that there were two (2) objects until the first had nearly completed its initial ascent. No propulsion system noted.

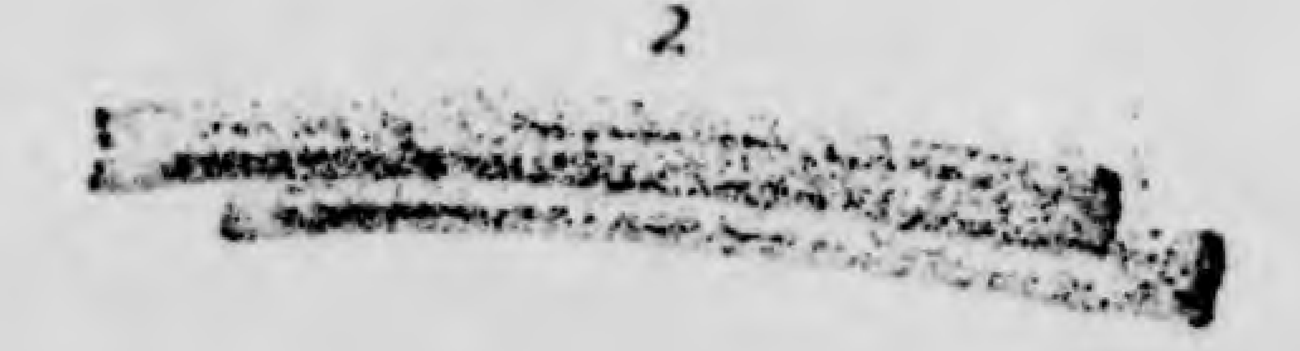
(2) Objects were sighted at about 1430 hours in the afternoon of 24 April 1952, and were observed for approximately one and one-half to two minutes.

(3) Manner of observation: Visual observation followed by tracking through a "Telescope B. C. M 65" - a standard U. S. Army Battery Commander's telescope, which was mounted on a unit equipped with handwheels and other controls.

(4) Observer was standing on the top of the USAF observation platform at the summit of the Great Blue Hill, Milton, Mass. Observer's elevation above sea-level: 785 feet. Object first appeared in a northwest direction from the observer at a distance of about two (2) miles and was rising rapidly in a wobbly manner from altitude of approximately 1500 feet. After rising for about 400 feet, another object, identical in appearance with the first, was noticed. Both rose a few feet farther in an easterly direction for from four (4) to six (6) miles with speed estimated at 150 miles per hour. The objects then started to rise again at an angle and were not observed at time of disappearance.

(5) Identifying information on observer: [redacted] is an electronics scientist, assigned to the Radar Systems Laboratory, Electronics Research Division, AF Cambridge Research Center, and for a period of about one and one-half years has been regularly engaged in tracking aircraft by using a Battery Commander's telescope and/or radar devices. [redacted] stated he was engaged in practice tracking of transient aircraft with [redacted] and [redacted], also employed at the Radar Systems Laboratory, when the objects were sighted, and that all three attempted, with negative results, to identify the objects with any known things. [redacted] stated definitely the objects were not kites, birds, large pieces of paper, or resembled in any detail aircraft known to him. [redacted] stated that the radar system on the tower was inoperative at the time of the incident. Interviewee stated that his description of the object was not influenced by any material which he has read on the subject of unknown objects, and that he reported the matter to the Air Provost Marshal for whatever intelligence value that might be derived.

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b. On 29 April 1952, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent JAMES G. HINSON, and furnished the following information:

(1) Description of Objects: The objects were very thin, from ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet across at their widest point, had a lip around the outer edges, and were a dull reddish orange color. No corners were visible, and they looked like "ovals pulled in at the waist." Objects consistently undulated with a wobbling, swooping motion, first in a perpendicular course, then along a horizontal plane, and then, a second, but angular, rise of about fifteen (15) degrees at approximately 240 miles per hour. No trail or exhaust, no sound heard. Objects at about 2000 feet elevation when first observed, and at unestimated height when last seen. Objects grew smaller and smaller traveling away from observer and became invisible.

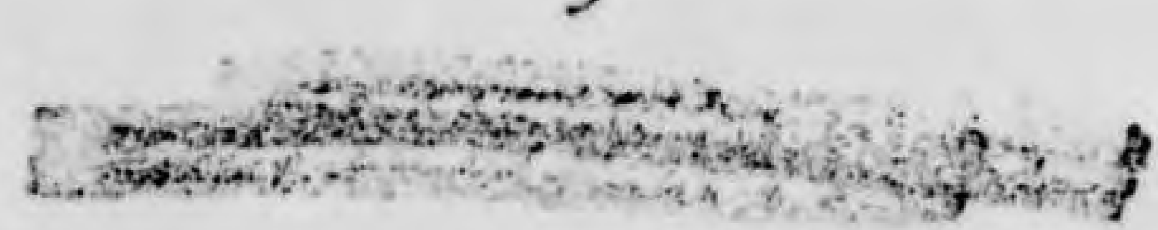
(2) Objects were sighted at about 1430 hours on the afternoon of 24 April 1952, and were observed from one and one-half (1½) to a two (2) minute maximum.

(3) Manner of observation: By use of Battery Commander's telescope only. Instrument is a 6-power type, nomenclature: "Telescope B. C. M65".

(4) Observer was standing on top of tower on the Great Blue Hill, Milton, Mass. Reference is made to paragraph a (4) of this report. Objects first appeared rising straight up in a northeast direction from observer, and had elevation of about 2000 feet when first noticed. Peak elevation not estimated. They then traveled in horizontal plane for six (6) miles, and started a second rise at angle of from 12 to 15 degrees. General course was from northwest to northeast, and they finally disappeared in the distance.

(5) Identifying information on observer: [redacted] is an electronics technician, assigned to the Radar Systems Laboratory, Electronics Research Division, AF Cambridge Research Center, and since July 1951 has been regularly tracking aircraft with a Battery Commander's telescope and/or radar systems. [redacted] was in the company of [redacted] and ROBERT J. DAUN, fellow employees, when the objects were sighted and tracked. [redacted] is well acquainted with civilian and military aircraft of the United States and cannot identify the objects seen with any aircraft known to him. He does not believe the undulating and swooping motion of the objects could cause their propulsion. [redacted] stated definitely that the objects were not birds, large pieces of paper, kites, nor did they resemble any object known to him.





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c. On 29 April 1952, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent JAMES G. HINDES, and furnished the following information:

(1) Description of objects: Two (2) objects having definite diamond to oval shape and flat surface. Objects appeared more diamond shaped when rising, and more oval shaped after changing their direction to travel on an azimuth. Color was brick orange, dull. Both identical with greatest dimension twenty (20) feet and not more than three (3) feet thick. Objects continuously undulated like conventional portrayal of flying carpet, traveled with no particular relation to each other in a perpendicular ascent. Estimated speed 200 miles per hour. No trail or exhaust, no sound heard. When first seen had elevation of about 1000 feet, and when disappearing in the distance, about 2000 feet. Traversed an angle of about 62 to 65 degrees along horizontal path. No propulsion system was evident.

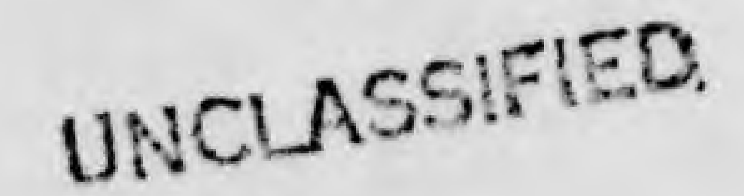
(2) Objects were sighted at about 1445 hours in the afternoon of 24 April 1952, and were observed for not more than two minutes.

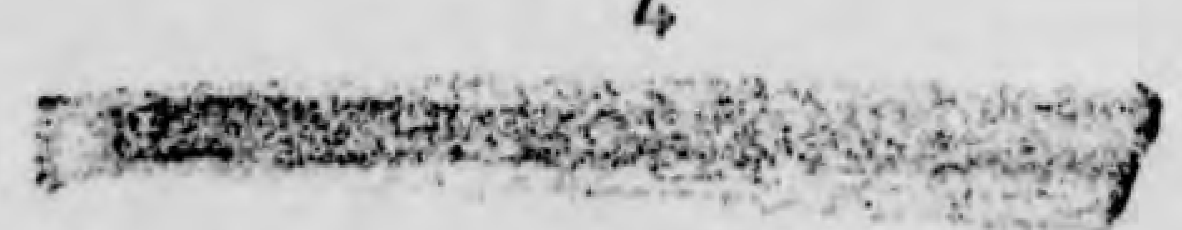
(3) Manner of observation: Through 6-power elbow type telescope mounted on movable base.

(4) Observer was standing on top of tower on the Great Blue Hill, Milton, Mass. Objects were first seen undulating side by side for about twenty (20) seconds, and then began rapid perpendicular rise estimated at 500 feet. Objects leveled off and traversed angle of from 62 to 65 degrees, or 8 miles, and then went into angular climb to about 2000 feet. Just before observer last saw objects, they stopped and undulated without progressing. General movement was from northwest by north to east.

(5) Identifying information on observer: [redacted] is a cooperative employee at AF Cambridge Research Center and a senior at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., majoring in Electrical Engineering. He has been assigned to the Radar Systems Laboratory as an aircraft observer since 4 February 1952, and has used the Battery Commander's and elbow type telescopes and radar equipment in tracking aircraft. He has made a study of United States commercial and military aircraft silhouettes. [redacted] was in the company of [redacted] and [redacted] P. [redacted], fellow employees, when the objects were sighted and tracked. [redacted] stated positively that the objects were not birds, large pieces of paper, kites, nor did they resemble any object known to him.

d. Weather clear, visibility estimated at 70 miles in quadrant where objects were sighted. Sun hidden behind high overcast in opposite quadrant of sky from that in which objects were sighted. Blue Hills weather station reported wind was from random directions at four (4) miles per hour at time of sighting.





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e. Any activity or condition that might account for the sighting: none known.

f. There is no physical evidence, no interception was made, no identification action was taken.

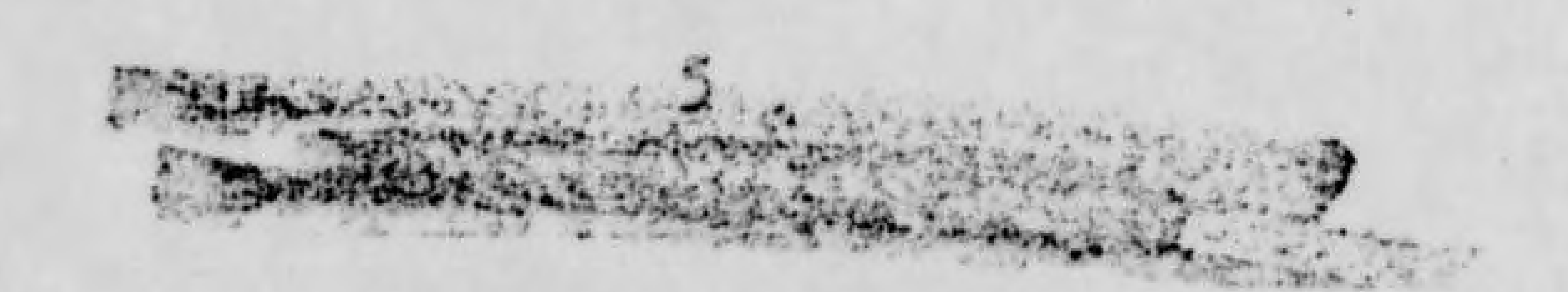
ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Material Command, Attention: MCIS. No further action taken by this District.

ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC (dup)





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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 24 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 1430-1445

LOCATION: Milton, Mass.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 1 1/2-2 Min.

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: 240 mph

ALTITUDE: 2,000'

HEADING: NE

SOURCE: Civilian Research Tech.

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Two flat, flexible, square-like objects and dark orange or red color traveled with a wobbly undulating motion for four to six miles in the time they were observed. Went out of sight naturally due to distance. (Condf.)